

The Gospel According to John 12:9 – 26

New American Standard Version

1 ⁹The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was
2 there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they
3 might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the
4 dead.¹⁰ But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death
5 also; ¹¹because on account of him many of the Jews were
6 going away and were believing in Jesus. ¹²On the next day
7 the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard
8 that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,¹³ took the branches of
9 the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* to
10 shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME
11 OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel." ¹⁴Jesus, finding a
12 young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, ¹⁵"FEAR NOT,
13 DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING,
14 SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT." ¹⁶These things His disciples
15 did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified,
16 then they remembered that these things were written of
17 Him, and that they had done these things to Him. ¹⁷So the
18 people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of
19 the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify
20 *about Him*.¹⁸ For this reason also the people went and met
21 Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.
22 ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you
23 are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after
24 Him." ²⁰Now there were some Greeks among those who
25 were going up to worship at the feast; ²¹these then came to
26 Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and *began* to ask
27 him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip **came* and
28 **told* Andrew; Andrew and Philip **came* and **told* Jesus.
29 ²³And Jesus **answered* them, saying, "The hour has come
30 for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to
31 you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it
32 remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵He who
33 loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world
34 will keep it to life eternal. ²⁶If anyone serves Me, he must
35 follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if
36 anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."

*Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.***

Observation (What does it say?):

Circle each group mentioned in this passage.

Underline each individual in this passage.

What do each of these groups and individuals have to do with Jesus? What is their connection (positive or negative) with Him? List each one and write a word or two about their link to Him.

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Why does John include each group or individual in this passage? How do they each relate to Jesus' announcement in line 29?

From this passage, what are the effects on us from the coming of Jesus' "hour"?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

What do "loving life" and "hating life" (l. 33) look like for you?

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation

(What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage (repetition, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect, unusual words, etc.)? Mark the passage (underline, circles, etc.) to help bring out the writer's thought process.

- Who are the people involved?
- What is the action taking place?
- What type of literature is the passage (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are there any unusual words used?
- Is there any symbolic or figurative language used?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Is there any repetition of words or ideas?
- Are there comparisons or contrasts?
- Are there indications of cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Does the passage contain any explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation

(What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts of the passage that would help you **interpret** the writer's meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application

(What does it mean for me?)

How does the writer's meaning relate to your life? What specific application might the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them. – J.A. Bengel